

In Memoriam

GUILFOIL, JAMES ANTHONY. Died in San Francisco, March 7, 1949, aged 61, of a heart attack. Graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, 1911. Licensed in California in 1912. Dr. Guilfoil was a member of the San Francisco County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.



KAY, MILTON M. Died in National City, November 16, 1948, aged 76, of sprue. Graduate of Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago, 1905. Licensed in California in 1905. Dr. Kay was a member of the Kern County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.



NORTON, FRANK L. Died in Los Angeles, March 14, 1949, aged 82. Graduate of the University of Southern California Medical School, Los Angeles, 1901. Licensed in California in 1901. Dr. Norton was a retired member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association and the California Medical Association.



SIPPY, JOHN J. Died in Stockton, March 15, 1949, aged 69, of chronic myocarditis. Graduate of St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons, 1899. Licensed in California in 1923. Dr. Sippy was a member of the San Joaquin County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.



VERCELLINI, CHARLES H. E. Died in Los Angeles, December 22, 1948, aged 70. Graduate of Regia Università di Torino, Facoltà di Medicina e Chirurgia, 1901. Licensed in California in 1945. Dr. Vercellini was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.



WOLFE, HOMER HOLSINGER. Died in Fort Bragg, March 3, 1949, aged 65, of a heart attack. Graduate of Cooper Medical College, San Francisco, 1909. Licensed in California in 1909. Dr. Wolfe was a member of the Mendocino-Lake County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

John Johnson Sippy

John Johnson Sippy died in Stockton, California, March 15, 1949, after several months of failing health. Doctor Sippy was born in Venice, Illinois, July 13, 1879, and became one of America's most outstanding public health administrators. Graduating from the St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons at the age of 20, he located his practice in Belle Plain, Kansas. He continued this general practice for 14 years, the last five of which he also served as the part-time public health officer of Sumner County. The year after this appointment he was elected secretary of the Kansas State Health Officers Association, a post in which he continued until he

left Kansas in 1919. This work in public health became increasingly challenging to him and in 1913 he dedicated his career to full-time public health work. He became epidemiologist for the Kansas State Health Department and in 1919 moved to Montana as epidemiologist for that state. In 1922 he became Montana's director of child welfare.

In 1923, as a result of serious diphtheria epidemics, San Joaquin County organized the first local health district in California. To head this unique organization, its board of trustees sought a man of vision and pioneering spirit. No more fortunate choice could have been made than John Sippy. During the next quarter century he made that local health district preeminent in our nation, both in health and in principle. He stood staunchly for grass-roots principles, local responsibility. He commanded the respect and admiration of his medical colleagues, serving as president of the San Joaquin County Medical Society for two full terms. Recognition was given him by his fellow public health specialists in the form of election to many important positions, and from 1944 to 1946 he occupied the highest elective position in American public health, the presidency of the American Public Health Association.

John Sippy recognized the responsibility of public health leaders in sharing their knowledge. From 1916 to 1919 he was lecturer in communicable diseases at the University of Kansas. In 1934 he became associate clinical professor of public health and preventive medicine at Stanford University School of Medicine. Despite the distance from his own community, he journeyed regularly to San Francisco in the teaching of medical students and to enrich their appreciation of the worth of full-time health departments and health officers. Quiet and unassuming, he was as beloved as a father or brother. But he was known, too, as utterly fearless. He cherished the highest ideals of medicine with uncompromising integrity. The inspiration he left is as priceless as the thousands of lives he saved.

Frederic Morris Loomis

Through the printed word, Frederic Morris Loomis, physician and author who died last February at the age of 71, was renowned throughout the world, but nowise and nowhere was he more favorably known than as a physician in the circle of his colleagues and his patients.

He achieved the degree Doctor of Medicine in the fact of greater than usual obstacles and later in life than most students. Dr. Loomis recorded in his writings that he knew, even in his early years, that most of all he wanted to be a physician. Lack of money forced him to relinquish a premedical education before it was well begun. To supply the immediate need he went to Alaska where he worked as a miner more years than he had intended, then for a time as editor of a newspaper in Ketchikan. But the call to medicine was strong and he returned at last to the University of Michigan. He was grad-

uated from the school of medicine there in 1912, a doctor only beginning his career at the age of 35. After four years as an instructor in obstetrics and gynecology at the university medical school, he moved to Oakland, California, and there established himself in private practice.

The glow of the ideal of physician-patient relationship was reflected ultimately in two of Dr. Loomis' best-known books, first in "Consultation Room," and then in "The Bond Between Us," written in the reflective years after he had retired from practice.

A measure of the place he held in the esteem of those who knew him best is given by Dr. Fletcher

Taylor, writing in the *Bulletin of the Alameda County Medical Association*:

"His fame as a man of the world will take care of itself. His fame with us is personal. We are the privileged who knew the man who was a miner in order to become a doctor, and a doctor before he became a writer.

"So we are saddened for ourselves in this fateful loss and we truly grieve with his family, so effective in their adoring efforts in his behalf. And though we mourn, there will always live for us the inspiration of the life and works and friendship of Frederic Morris Loomis."

